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SUBJECT: TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS WITH ROC

REFS: (A) BRUSSELS 301, (B) BRUSSELS 1408,  
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1. EC OFFICIALS HAVE CONSISTENTLY TOLD US THAT THEY  
WOULD NOT SEEK AGREEMENT WITH ROC ON TEXTILES BUT WOULD,  
AS IN THE PAST, IMPOSE AUTONOMOUS REGULATION ASSIGNING  
QUOTAS TO ROC. THESE QUOTAS WERE PUBLISHED IN THE EC  
OFFICIAL JOURNAL DATED DECEMBER 31, 1977 (BUT ACTUALLY  
PUBLISHED AROUND JANUARY 20) VOLUME 20, NO. L 357.  
COPIES OF THIS EC OFFICIAL JOURNAL WERE SENT BY INTER-  
NATIONAL AIRMAIL TO STR, EB, AND US MISSION GENEVA. AN  
ADDITIONAL COPY IS BEING SENT TO EMBASSY TAIPEI. THE  
NEW COMMUNITY QUOTAS REPLACE THOSE ASSIGNED TO THE ROC  
FOR PERIOD 1975-1977 BY COMMISSION REGULATION NO. 1849/75  
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2. COMPARISON OF THE NEW REGULATION AFFECTING ROC  
IMPORTS WITH THAT PREVIOUSLY IN EFFECT IS DIFFICULT IN  
THAT CURRENT REGULATION DIVIDES ROC FIGURES INTO SIX  
GROUPS OF PRODUCTS, DETERMINED BY SENSITIVITY IN THE

EC MARKET, AND ALSO BREAKSDOWN TARIFF HEADINGS INTO CONSIDERABLY GREATER DETAIL THAN 1975 REGULATION (LISTING OF QUOTAS TAKES 16 PAGES IN CURRENT REGULATION COMPARED TO 4 IN THAT OF 1975). WHERE PRODUCT HEADINGS ARE IDENTICAL, HOWEVER, IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT EC AUTONOMOUS MEASURES ARE CONSIDERABLY MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN THOSE OF 1975 AND THAT CUTBACKS FROM 1976 QUOTAS ARE AS HIGH AS 57 PERCENT (FOR CCT HEADING NO. 55.09, OTHER WOVEN FABRICS OF COTTON) AND MAY VERY WELL AVERAGE OUT TO 25 PERCENT ROLLBACK MENTIONED IN REFTTEL C. MOREOVER, GROWTH IN PERIOD 1978-1982 FOR THE MOST SENSITIVE PRODUCTS IN GROUP I IS IN A NUMBER OF CASES LESS THAN 2 PERCENT PER ANNUM. HINTON

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